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ROCKY SORRENTI
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Dear Bretta

Re : Proposed Price Increases in the Cost of Postage Stamps

Reference : Newspaper advertisements in The Age

As we approach the end of the 2001/2002 financial year, I am too busy to attend the ACCC's forum on Tuesday 25 June in person, but I would like this letter to be regarded as a submission to the forum.

As a small accounting practice, particularly in the last two years, we have noticed a fourfold increase in mail from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Consequently, our costs for postage to clients and the ATO have also increased enormously.

As the registered office for companies of many of our clients, we receive a lot of mail from the ATO which has to be processed or re-directed to clients for signature or other action.

Since the introduction of the New Tax System on 1 July 2000, the obligations of companies and individuals to provide monthly, quarterly or annual reports to the ATO would have increased the amount of mail being delivered to and from the ATO by Australia Post. Such economies of scale should have made it more cost effective for Australia Post to deliver mail.

I do not think that a 10% increase in postage rates can be justified and I would urge the ACCC to reject the application by Australia Post.

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If you have any questions please contact me or Judith Toohey on (03) 9882 1277.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rocky Sorrenti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rocky Sorrenti
Director.